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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Heikkila et al. )  
Serial No. 08/928,893 )  
For: Process for the Simultaneous )  
Production of Xylitol and Ethanol )  
Group Art Unit: 1808  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following

amendments:

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In the Claims:

Please add claims 23-31 as follows:

F, Sub Gb  
23. (New) A method of processing lignocellulose-containing material comprising  
xylose and hexose from a xylan-containing matter selected from the group consisting of:  
wood, softwood, hardwood as birch, beech, poplar and alder, plants, plant constituents as